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PROJECT CEASEFIRE
RAYTOWN METH USER SENTENCED
FOR ILLEGAL FIREARM POSSESSION

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Raytown, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for being an illegal user of a controlled substance in possession of a firearm. Today's sentencing, Graves said, is part of Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

Christopher W. Stansbury, 24, of Raytown, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this afternoon to two years in federal prison without parole.

On May 25, 2004, **Stansbury** pleaded guilty to being an unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, **Stansbury** admitted that he possessed an Iver Johnson .30-caliber semi-automatic assault rifle while also being an unlawful user of methamphetamine on July 26, 2003. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any addict or unlawful user of a controlled substance to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

Stansbury was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Nov. 21, 2003, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. It was investigated by the Independence, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Project Ceasefire

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

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